

ZCZCSPQR26

DAN: 189-074025

INPUT CDSN: DK1897

ADM: M8517

TOR 202246Z NOV 84

TOT: 202248Z NOV 84

OUTPUT CDSN: DPQ639

TOT: 202247Z NOV 84

OPS 9-8

ROUTING= DPG, TPQ

NIRE SVC= **UNASSIGNED**

COMMDIS=**UNASSIGNED**

RTTUZYUW RUEBFMA0182 3251842-UUUU--RUTLAAD.

ZNR UUUUU ZYN

R 201840Z NOV 84

FM FBIS MBABANE WZ

TO RUTLAAD/FBIS WASHINGTON DC

RUDOMKD/FBIS LONDON UK//TAPE//

ACCT FBMB-EWDK

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AMAZINGLY WE APPEAR TO HAVE SCORED A BREAKTHROUGH AND ARE NOW
ABLE TO MONITOR SOUTH AFRICAN TELEVISION. HADDEN WAS HOME ON
SUNDAY CHECKING OUT THE AMBASSADOR'S TV AS PART OF HIS "SERVICE

TO THE EMBASSY" PROGRAM WHEN HE MANAGED TO PICK UP SATV. ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT GET IT AT THE OFFICE, HE LEARNED THROUGH HIS CONTACTS THAT SWAZI TV HAD INSTALLED A REPEATER TO FEED THE NELSPRUIT FEED DOWN TO THE SUN HOTELS IN THE VALLEY. WITH A SPECIALLY CUT ANTENNA, THE SERVICE CAN BE RECEIVED IN MBABANE.

WE INSTALLED THE SPECIAL ANTENNA TODAY AND TONIGHT GOT THE AUDIO OF THE 1800 GMT NEWSCAST THAT THE PRETORIA EMBASSY HAS WANTED US TO COVER. WE COULD NOT GET THE PICTURE AS A STORM JUST BEFORE THE CAST HAS KNOCKED OUT OUR TV'S PICTURE. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE ASSUMING WEEKDAY COVERAGE OF THIS CAST AND THE "NEWS FOCUS" PROGRAM WHICH FOLLOWS IT AT 1830 GMT, BOTH OF WHICH ALTERNATE BETWEEN ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS DAILY. WILL INFORM PRETORIA THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS TOMORROW.

FOR MOD: PLEASE APPROVE SOURCE LINES JOHANNESBURG TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH AND JOHANNESBURG TELEVISION SERVICE IN AFRIKAANS. ADDITION WILL BE REFLECTED IN OUR NEXT COVERAGE CHANGE REPORT.

DM 20/1849Z NOV

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